Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-36 (canceled)

Claim 37 (new): An information management device for managing provision of content information to an information processing device connected to said information management device via a network, comprising:

storage means for storing identification information of an IC chip and for storing content information associated with the IC chip;

selection means for selecting the IC chip from among a plurality of IC chips of which identification information is stored in said storage means; and

content transmission means for transmitting the content information associated with the IC chip to said information processing device.

Claim 38 (new): An information management device according to Claim 37, wherein the content information associated with the IC chip includes an updated log of content use information.

Claim 39 (new): An information management device according to Claim 37, wherein the content information associated with the IC chip includes bank account information.

Claim 40 (new): An information management device according to Claim 37, wherein the storage means stores data necessary for the information processing device to display the content information associated with the IC chip;

and wherein the content transmission means transmits the data necessary for the information processing device to display the content information associated with the IC chip to the information processing device.

Claim 41 (new): An information managing method for an information management device for managing content provision to an information processing device connected to said information management device via a network, comprising:

storing identification information of an IC chip and content information associated with the IC chip;

selecting the IC chip from among a plurality of IC chips of which identification information is stored in the information management device; and

transmitting the content information associated with the IC chip to said information processing device.

Claim 42 (new): An information managing method according to Claim 41, wherein the content information associated with the IC chip includes an updated log of content use information.

Claim 43 (new): An information managing method according to Claim 41, wherein the content information associated with the IC chip includes bank account information.

Claim 44 (new): An information managing method according to Claim 41, further storing data necessary for the information processing device to display the content information associated with the IC chip;

and transmitting the data necessary for the information processing device to display the content information associated with the IC chip to the information processing device.

Claim 45 (new): A computer product embodied in a computer readable medium storing a program for making a computer for controlling an information management device for managing content provision to an information processing device connected to said information management device via a network execute the steps of:

controlling storage of identification information of an IC chip and content information associated with the IC chip;

controlling selection of the IC chip from among a plurality of IC chips of which identification information is stored in the information management device; and

controlling transmission of the content information associated with the IC chip to said information processing device.

Claim 46 (new):   A computer product according to Claim 45, wherein the content information associated with the IC chip includes an updated log of content use information.

Claim 47 (new):   A computer product according to Claim 45, wherein the content information associated with the IC chip includes bank account information.

Claim 48 (new):   A computer product according to Claim 45, further controlling the storage of data necessary for the information processing device to display the content information associated with the IC chip; and

controlling the transmission of the data necessary for the information processing device to display the content information associated with the IC chip to the information processing device.

Claim 49 (new):   An information processing device connected, via a network, to an information management device for managing content provision, comprising:

read means for reading identification information from an IC chip in which the identification information is held;

identification information transmission means for transmitting the identification information to the information management device;

content acquisition means for acquiring content information associated with the identification information from the information management device; and

output means for outputting the acquired content information.

Claim 50 (new):   An information processing device according to Claim 49, wherein the content information includes an updated log of content use information.

Claim 51 (new):   An information processing device according to Claim 49, wherein the content information includes bank account information.

Claim 52 (new):   An information processing method for an information processing device connected, via a network, to an information management device for managing content provision, comprising:

reading identification information from an IC chip in which the identification information is held;

transmitting the identification information to the information management device;

acquiring content information associated with the identification information from the information management device; and

outputting the acquired content information.

Claim 53 (new):   An information processing method according to Claim 52, wherein the content information includes an updated log of content use information.

Claim 54 (new):   An information processing method according to Claim 52, wherein the content information includes bank account information.

Claim 55 (new):   A computer product embodied in a computer readable medium storing a program for making a computer for controlling an information processing device connected, via a network, to an information management device for managing content provision execute the steps of:

controlling the reading of identification information from an IC chip in which the identification information is held;

controlling the transmission of the identification information to the information management device;

controlling the acquiring of content information associated with the identification information from the information management device; and

controlling the output of the acquired content information.

Claim 56 (new):   A computer product according to Claim 55, wherein the content information includes an updated log of content use information.

Claim 57 (new):   A computer product according to Claim 55, wherein the content information includes bank account information.